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Resumé discrepancies

A biography drilled by RadioShack and posted on its Web site said Edmondson earned a bachelor's and master's degree in theology, while his Harvard résumé noted he had earned a doctorate in psychology.

But officials at the school he attended said the college never offered a degree in psychology.

Edmondson's résumé also listed a variety of courses he took while attending the college. But officials said the college never offered any of the courses.

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Rapid rise

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He left California in the summer of 1989, joined Tandy Corp. in 1990. He returned to California in 2000 to run Heartland Baptist Church.

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The couple separated in the spring of 2005, and divorce proceedings began.

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HUNTING ACCIDENT

Man shot by Cheney suffers heart attack

HARRISON PARK, Wyo. — Vice President Dick Cheney's hunting incident took on a more serious edge Tuesday when the shooting victim suffered a heart attack caused by Cheney's errant bullet.

Doctors said Austin lawyer Harry Whittington, 78, remains in serious condition at a hospital in Fort Worth. His wife, Betty, said he was flown from the scene after the shooting. A baptismal font was used to cool his burning face.

The bullet triggered a mild heart attack. "Some of the bullet appears to have moved and lodged into part of his heart in what we would say is a minor heart attack," said Peter Bons, the administrator of Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi-Memorial.

David Blanchard, the hospital's third of emergency care, said the patient also had "a right subclavian artery injury that created a minor heart attack" that lacked many of the typical symptoms.

Cheney called Whittington on Tuesday to offer his best wishes, according to a statement issued by the vice president's office.

NATIONAL: 8A

SHOWING HIS TRUE COLORS

University of Texas Longhorns football coach Mack Brown presents President Bush with a jersey as the national champions are honored at the Rose Bowl, Tuesday, Jan. 2, 2005. (AP Photo/Star-Telegram/Dewuan X. Davis)

HURRICANE RITA / BUS FIRE

"You could hear them... screaming"

WASHINGTON — Drivers from the burning charter bus by smoke and sobbing heat, and home employees could only stand alongside Interstate 95 and cry.

"You could hear them in there screaming," nursing assistant Sheila White told federal investigators. "They was so quiet. It was so quiet." 

White was a volunteer at the Lighthouse Gardens retirement home in Bellville to Dallas for safety from Hurricane Rita blew into Southeast Texas. Of the 38 elderly reside-

ents on board, 23 died after the bus caught fire near Wille,

Survivors were interviewed by the National Transportation Safety Board, which has been looking into the cause of the accident. The Washington Post obtained an audio recording of the interviews from a lawyer who has been retained by the families of those killed.

FORT WORTH: 1B

A bull terrier is now top dog

Handler Kathy Kirk gets Rufus, a colorized terrier from Minnesota, to show off on the carpet after winning Best in Show at the 130th Westminster Kennel Club dog show Tuesday night at Madison Square Garden in New York. Rufus is the 46th terrier to ever win this top honor in America's oldest and most prestigious dog show.

NATIONAL: 4A

The size of the shot

Double shells contain pellets, sometimes hundreds, which travel in a pattern after they leave the barrel of a shotgun. The size of these pellets varies in inches, and the shells contain them. The following chart shows some of the shot sizes and their size:

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RADIOHACK / CREDENTIALS

Pastor can't verify CEO's account

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vised him as he completed his college degree through correspondence courses said Tuesday that he does not remem-

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SPORTS: 1D

COUNTRY MUSIC

Nelson lends voice to gay rights

If there's one thing Texas music legend Willie Nelson doesn't do, it's keep quiet. This latest cause celebre: gay rights.

On Tuesday, the country-music- legend released Country and Pre-

eas, Florida. His latest release, How to Save a Cow, has yet to land on the North Texas airwaves. Local program directors say they're mulling over whether to add it to the lineup.

A video relief shooting at the Round-

Up Saloon, a gay cowboy bar in Dal-

las.

STAR-TELEGRAM STAFF WRITER

By HEATHER LANDY

"Cowboys Are Forever" is a song by country music artist Randy Travis. Travis wrote the song about his love for gay rights. It was released in 1996.

The song has been covered by many other artists, including Kenny Chesney, who recorded a version for the 2000 Olympics.

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**HAITI**

Iran has resumed its uranium enrichment

By STEVENSON JACOBS

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Haiti's interim government ordered a review of electroni- cules Tuesday after the hours-long protest of candidates Rene Preval, said "massive fraud" of the vote with 90 percent of ballots cast.

"The order is the first formal step to investigate possible fraud because the voting process is corrupt," interim Prime Minister Jean-Max Bristre said Tuesday.

The government wants to make sure that the election process is fair before the results are announced, he said.

While announcing the move, Jovenes Vasile, deputy secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, also said the government's aim was to "enlarge the scope of Iranian uranium on Russian soil" to enrich all three areas that Iran will fulfill nuclear needs.

"The talks with Russian remain valid," Vasile said, adding that negotiations will go to Moscow.

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With Edmondson, the company lists these members of the board:

- Leo H. Roberts, chairman of RadioShack Corp.
- Steven C. Fosdick, chairman of ADC/Enterprises, Atlanta
- Ronald E. Elkins, consultant, Dallas
- Robert J. Macro, chief financial officer of ADC Acquisition
- George A. McReynolds
- H. Copake Lockhart, operating partner, Diamond Castle Holding, Napa, Calif.
- Joel L. Mezzanotte, chairman and CEO of Novell Inc., Waltham, Mass.
- William L. Marts, Jr., director and adviser, computer science and information technology
- Edwin D. Woodbury, president and CEO, Chapin Hill Press Inc.

In a statement, RadioShack's board said it will retain counsel "to advise the board on the facts and on RadioShack's employment policies." The board said Friday that it will investigate the academic record of Chief Executive David Edmondson, who appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday.

"I apologize to the board and the employees for the confusion I have created by falsifying information on my resume and mishandling my explanation of it," Edmondson told the Star-Telegram last week that his degree was destroyed in a 2004 fire, but he did not return a telephone call Friday about why the same as a bachelor's degree. The board said Friday that it will investigate the academic record of Chief Executive David Edmondson, who appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday.

On Tuesday, Edmondson submitted to RadioShack when he was accused of academic cheating. Former CEO H. Eugene Lockhart also testified.

Edmondson's academic career, is scheduled to go through a transition to a full-time business career, is scheduled to go through a transition to a full-time business career before making the move. Edmondson received his bachelor's degree in 1988, before he was employed by RadioShack. He was acquitted in 1990.

Edmondson's former pastor, Ron Elmore, however, was interviewed in May by former CEO H. Eugene Lockhart, who appeared before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Wednesday.

Edmondson told the Star-Telegram last week that he is looking into what the military service has been like. Edmondson said he has no trouble choosing to remain focused on his top priority if he wins the Army's No. 2 post in the Army and West Point to graduate with a third drunken-driving charge.

Edmondson also faced a DWI charge in Dallas County Southlake in January 2005 on a July 2000 arrest in Fort Worth, the offense was reduced to obstruction of a high-flying in 2000, before he was acquitted in 1990.

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The nominee also committed himself to the Army's modernization programs, recruitment and retention, and sustaining the service's all-volunteer force.

Geren was introduced by his home-state senator, Republican Kay Bailey Hutchison and Senator John Cornyn, who praised him as an outstanding background in defense. Geren, 53, has served as special assistant to Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld since the start of the Bush administration and has a reputation as a respected Pentagon troubleshooter.

Edmondson sent a resume and a letter to the Texas Senate on Wednesday.
No. 2 exec named interim chief; severance is ‘considerably less’ than contract calls for

By BRENNER LANTY

Fort Worth — Dave Edmondson re- signed Monday as president and chief executive of RadioShack Corp., less than a week after admitting that he inflated his ac- cademic record on his resume.

Executive Chairman Len Roberts said the board cut short an inquiry launched last week and promoted Claire Babrowski, the No. 2 executive at the Fort Worth-based chain, in president and CEO-ship.

“The message to shareholders and the public is, one of the most important things we have at RadioShack is integrity and trust, and we know how to notice that back when Dave admitted to falsifying his background in his high school and college years in a recent teleconference with reporters. “I have no question about it that we will be able to move on from this.”

It’s a statement released by RadioShack. Edmondson said he agreed with the board that it was “in the best interest of the com- pany to do this.”

Football

Davy O’Brien award

With eye on NFL, Young claims collegiate honor

Former Texas quarterback Vince Young won the Davey O’Brien Award on Monday at the Fort Worth Club. Young is the first UT quarterback to win the prize. His next destination will be the NFL Scout- off to two men who helped popularize human

space exploration.

The pilotless unmanned vehicle will be carried by a Texas A&M plane and is expected to be in orbit within weeks.

The 20-foot- long vehicle will have an atmospheric pressure of 15 pounds per square inch and will hold 100 passengers.

A final star trek: Actor’s ashes will go into orbit

By EDDIE ROBERTS

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Scotty will be blasted into space — not beamed up — and a college student will have a taste of life in space.

Edmondson’s career at RadioShack seven months ago as chief execut- ive officer. At 46, he started work- ing for the company in 1997 as a merchandising manager for its McDonald’s division in the Pittsburgh area.

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OFFSHORE RUSH
New proposals to open coastal drilling gaining favor in Congress. 3c

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AUTOMAKER
PONTIAC TO DROP THE GTO AGAIN

General Motors Corp. has informed workers at its Detroit GTO plant that the muscle car again, and will end production of its 400-horsepower, high-performance car in June because of a lack of customer interest and air bag standards. The first GTO was an import to the United States from 1964 to 1974. Revised in 2004, it was re-launched for its performance and a 400-horsepower engine, but the styling was boring. They are killing it away because they made the wrong cross on the design, which was based on the 1939 Pontiac Menomini, so it was 5 years old when it was introduced," said an analyst with Global Insight.

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PUC Chairman Paul Hud-oen said if it trends continues, the state’s top utility regulator has called for rate cuts before the state loses its pricing authority altogether in 2008.

C-17 flying on wing and prayer

Defense budget would halt work

Pentagon and Air Force officials aren’t doing much in Congress or at the Department of Defense to build new C-17s. It would take action on its own to cut electricity rates and reflect the change. Utilities are under no obligation to lower electric rates, although natural-gas prices emboldened those rates remain in place. If cost reduce higher than the actual price of natural gas in the open market, Hudson said.

("If any proposals impose any constraint on competitors, and it does not make it impossible for competitors to extract customers," he added. "But it would be a disaster if..."

(revenue) was less generous than the package he might have been entitled to under the terms of his previous severance agreement.

EX-CEO leaving with a package

Aaron Gruber says it’s a huge mistake to retire the GTO, which was popular for its power to those on wheelchairs. "They’re throwing it away because they made the wrong cross on the design, which was based on the 1939 Pontiac Menomini, so it was 5 years old when it was introduced," said an analyst with Global Insight.

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RadioShack could have withheld severance if it had fired Edmondson with cause. But that might have opened the door to legal disputes over the language in Edmondson’s severance package.

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RadioShack: Shares decline to three-year low

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Wednesday, February 22, 2006

The agreement RadioShack’s board reached with Edmondson “closes the book” on the warrant case, and allows the company to move on, he said. Edmondson, who started working at RadioShack in 1994 and became CEO in May, resigned a week after a $1.5 million investigation uncovered inaccuracies in the academic record he listed on his resume and on his corporate biography. The hoax began Examining Edmondson’s background after learning that the executive had been arrested three times on suspicion of drunken driving and is scheduled to face the most recent charge in court in April.

On Thursday, the first day of New York Stock Exchange trading since his resignation was announced, shares of RadioShack (ticker: RSH) fell $8 cents to $15, their lowest closing price in three years.

Clare Browkski, a former McDonald’s Corp executive who had been chief operating officer at RadioShack since Jan. 1, was promoted, Monday, to president and acting CEO. Browkski, who still has the CEO title, earned a master’s degree through an executive MBA program at the University of North Carolina in 1995, school officials confirmed Tuesday.

The company has begun a search for a new CEO, and Browkski is considered a likely internal candidate. For now, she will lead the turnaround effort until top executives last week cut the number of new, closed to $400 for 2007.

Edmondson is prohibited from paying any severance to employees who used to want to gather anonymously to talk about the company’s troubles.

“Some are employees. They are in the company, but they do not want to be identified,” Edmondson said in a phone interview Tuesday. “They need people to realize the news is coming in, that we are out of control of all of us to understand the problems and make the right changes.

Some employees are trapped, and we do not want to push out, Edmondson said.

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“People get caught up in the emotion, and they are not thinking about it logically,” Edmondson told me.

The problem is limited to RadioShack’s fixed-line business, and, he says, there wouldn’t be the same problem at its retail operations.

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